

## OSMP Volunteer Program

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### Volunteering for Open Space and Mountain Parks

Each year, more than 1,000 dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers contribute many thousands of hours of service, helping care for our Open Space and Mountain Parks lands.

[Volunteer Information Center: Enter Your Personal Volunteer Account](#)

[Read the 2005 Annual Report from Volunteer Services.](#)

[Get Free Acrobat Reader Software](#)

[Visit the E-Learning Hub for resources about plants, animals and history of the Boulder area.](#)

If you've explored our current programs and have ideas for new ones, please give us a call at 720-564-2013.

Programs currently recruiting are marked with this flower.

Open Space and Mountain Parks Volunteer Programs include:  
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Open Space & Mountain Parks Trail Guides

Please read the assignment description before applying. Program FULL for 2006.

Trail Guides enhance our visitors' experience and enjoyment as they walk trails and provide information on areas, policies, seasonal changes, and local natural/cultural history. Utilizing good communications skills and hardiness in all kinds of terrain and weather, they help visitors and aid staff in caring for and observing system conditions. Please review the assignment description before applying.

Want to get involved?

## Assignment Descriptions, Application and other Forms

For further information, call: Susan Ross 720-564-2013 / Kristin Weinberger 303-413-7632

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## Open Space and Mountain Parks Stewardship Programs

Currently Recruiting. Please read the assignment description before applying. Applications are online, and will be reviewed as received.

### Partnering to Care for Places You Love!

Stewardship provides opportunities for individuals, families, businesses and organizations to learn about and care for Boulder's Open Space and Mountain Parks .

Whether your goal is to spend time in a place you love, encourage teamwork, or explore a new environment, the Stewardship program will give you fresh insights into this wonderful and special place we call home!

Stewardship combines area maintenance and care with fun and learning. With much to be accomplished, Stewards may:

Work on trails and trailheads doing clean-up, maintenance or construction

Restore natural habitats or become "Weed Warriors"

Care for OSMP's native plant gardens

Observe and monitor area conditions, flora and fauna.

All of the above and more!

We provide orientation and resources for training, learning and working for all Stewardship projects - and you provide vital energy, and maybe some sweat! Benefits include:

Enjoyment while caring for places you love

Learning about area features, unique inhabitants, local history and land management.

Recognition of your good work

Participation in our renowned potlucks and celebrations!

Stewards often team up together, lending unique skills and talents - and creating opportunities for friendships!

Want to get involved?

Assignment Descriptions for Friends & Neighbors, System Maintenance, Native Gardeners; Application and other Forms

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If you have a great idea for a OSMP Stewardship project that you don't see here, contact us at 720-564-2013 to discuss possibilities.

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## Wildlife Monitors

Currently Recruiting: Applications will be reviewed as received. Some opportunities come up on short notice, while others are long standing programs.

At Sawhill Ponds Wildlife Preserve, volunteers head into the field at daybreak, walking a set transect through the preserve, taking note of species and numbers of individual birds and other wildlife. Volunteers must be experienced with identification of birds by sight and call, particularly waterfowl. Please review the description before applying.

Want to get involved?

If you are interested in being on-call for wildlife monitoring, call Lisa Dierauf at 720-564-2014 to be on an on-call list.

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## Hayfield Breeding Bird Surveyors

Currently recruiting. Please read the assignment description before applying. Applications are available on line

Would you like to become familiar with the songs of the most common birds nesting in our grasslands? OSMP is currently recruiting for volunteers to assist with hay field nesting bird surveys. Bird counts at dawn or dusk will provide information as to whether there are concentrations of nesting birds in an area. This information will be provided to land lessees with a request to delay hay cutting until after the breeding season. Training will be provided by OSMP staff biologists.

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## Herbarium Volunteers

Currently Recruiting Applications are accepted year round.

Herbarium volunteers collect, identify, and press plant specimens which are then kept in the OSMP herbarium. This dedicated group meets every Thursday morning. When the weather is warm, they head into the field to find and collect undocumented plants; when it gets cooler, they stay indoors to catalogue what's been found. They also assist with rare plant surveys, database management, and the creation of educational materials.

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## Raptor Nest Monitors

Program full for 2006. Applications due in January.

Would you enjoy observing a raptor nest site along the Front Range? Volunteers in this program have the unique opportunity to witness the courtship, nest development and fledging of local birds of prey. Applicants must be skilled at bird identification, and can make a minimum four-hour commitment each week. Nests are typically occupied from February until late July. Please review the description before applying.

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## Events Hosts

Volunteers recruited periodically. Call for information.

Open Space and Mountain Parks participates in many community outreach activities, including popular festivals and celebrations. As an Event Host volunteer at these events, you'll have fun providing information which helps people understand and enjoy Open Space and Mountain Parks .

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[If you are interesting in helping OSMP staff community events, call: Susan Ross 720-564-2013](#)

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## Flagstaff Nature Center Hosts

Volunteers drawn from Volunteer Naturalist and Trail Guide programs run the Flagstaff Summit Nature Center, giving visitors from our community, and from the far reaches of the planet, a glimpse of the magic of OSMP.

Want to get involved?

If you are interesting in helping OSMP staff the nature center on Flagstaff Summit, call: Susan Ross 720-564-2013

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## Volunteer Naturalists

Program full for 2006. Applications due in January 2007.

Share your love of nature with other people in our community! This is a wonderful way to promote stewardship of the land. Volunteer Naturalists lead nature hikes for school children and the public, mostly during weekdays and business hours plus some weekend and evening opportunities. Applicants should be interested in the environment and enjoy speaking in front of a large group.

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## Bat Monitor Volunteers

Holy Chiroptera, Bat Man! Are you interested in observing and identifying bats? Would you enjoy monitoring a site on a warm summer's eve? Then this volunteer position may be for you! With a partner, volunteers use bat detectors to locate areas of high bat activity. They perform both visual and auditory counts, noting any field observations. The commitment is three nights a month, June through September. Please review the description before applying.

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Whole System Support:

Administrative/Staff Support Volunteers: Applications will be reviewed as received.

Internships: Applications will be reviewed as received.

Community Advisory Groups: Separate application process required. Inquire at 303-441-3440

Open Space Board of Trustees: Separate application process required. Inquire at 303-441-3440

For further information on whole system support assignments, call: Susan Ross 720-564-2013 / Lisa Dierauf 720-564-2014

Mandated Community Service Stewards

These volunteers contribute court-ordered community service time, helping staff with a variety of tasks. For further information call: Susan Ross 720-564-2013/Kristin Weinberger 303-413-7632.

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